Entry of the Amendment and consideration of the Remarks are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, as follows:

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18. (Once Amended) A patch bag, comprising:

- (A) a bag having an open top, a bottom seal, a first lay-flat side, a second lay-flat side, a seamless first side edge, and a seamless second side edge,
- (B) a patch covering:
 - (i) across an entirety of a width of the first lay-flat side of the bag,
 - (ii) the seamless first side edge; and
 - (iii) the seamless second side edge; and
- (C) a backseamed seal in the second lay-flat side of the bag, the backseamed seal running [a] the length of the bag, wherein the bag comprises a first film and the patch comprises a second film, and the backseamed seal is through the first film but not through the second film.

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Q (Once Amended) A patch bag, comprising:

- (A) a bag having an open top, a first side-seal, a second side-seal, and a seamless bottom edge, and
- (B) a single patch which covers the seamless bottom edge of the bag, at least a portion of an outside surface of a first lay-flat side of the bag, and at least a portion of an outside surface of a second lay-flat side of the bag, the single patch having a length of from about 101 to 200 percent of a length of the bag, wherein the bag comprises a first film and the patch comprises a second film, and the first and second side seals are through the first film but not through the second film.

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